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■ **First Macy's, Now A&P?** There is much uncertainty about economic development in the City of Plainfield as rumors persist about the possible shut down of A&P, supermarket located on the corner of West Seventh Street and Park Avenue. If these rumors hold true, then the citizens of Plainfield have a lot to be concerned about. Macy's and A&P are two of the largest employers in the city who bring tax monies into the city. — PLAINFIELD.

■ **Souljah's Words Ignite Hot Debate:** Bill Clinton labels Sister Souljah, rapivist and speaker, as a racist a month after she stated that "...if blacks kill blacks everyday, why not have a week and kill white people." Rev. Jesse Jackson came to her defense and stated that her words were taken out of context. Souljah has since stated that Clinton tried to use her like Bush used Willie Horton as a scare tactic to gain white votes in the 1988 campaign. — NEW YORK

■ **Computers Shown To Boost Student's Math Scores:** High school students who learn mathematics with computers perform better on tests than students who don't use computers, and retain more of their lessons three to six weeks later, according to Dr. M. Peter Jurkhat, professor of mathematics at Stevens Institute of Technology. In one class, a class was taught with a series of lessons using computers and a matched class learned the same lessons without computers. When tested, students who used computers showed 45 percent better performance over students in classes where computers were not used. — HOBOKEN

■ **Mali Inaugurates First President Under Democratic System:** HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan, M.D., representing President Bush at the inauguration of the new president of Mali, recognized their transition to democratic government. Alpha Oumar Konare was elected as Mali's new president. — MALI

Batman cometh...again



L-R: Catwoman (Michelle Pfeiffer) and Batman (Michael Keaton)

NEWARK — The Dark Knight returns as Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, and Michelle Pfeiffer take their places in good versus evil in "Batman Returns," this summer's sequel to 1989's smash, "Batman." The story of the dark, brooding champion of evil continues as this

time, Batman, played by Keaton, battles the likes of Penguin (DeVito), Catwoman (Pfeiffer), and Max Shreck played by Oscar winner Christopher Walken. Theatergoers can look forward to another hot summer in the gloomy yet dazzling Gotham City as the

monsters expect handsome returns to their pocketbooks, picking up where the extraordinarily popular original left off. Look for a review on *Batman Returns* on page 7.

Questionable bullet leads to special probe

NEWARK — When surgeons pulled the bullet from 17-year-old Howard Caesar's body, it did not match that of an authorized police officer's service revolver, leading Acting Essex County Prosecutor James Mulvihill to issue a special Grand Jury investigation into the teen's shooting. Mulvihill said he wants the group to determine if any of the nine officers involved in Caesar's shooting were using unauthorized weapons. Even though Newark police carry 9 mm weapons, the bullet pulled from Caesar's body was from a .45 caliber gun. This incident has shrouded the recently-praised Newark police department in a sea of controversy after the June 9 shooting of Caesar, who had stolen a car from the mother of one of the officers involved. All of the officers involved had their weapons confiscated and the six who admitted they were at the scene

during the incident were suspended without pay. Of those six, four of them admitted to filing incorrect police reports. Mulvihill issued a search of the officers' homes which reportedly did not turn up any pertinent information. Officials are hoping that the Grand Jury will be able to get to the actual story after receiving the evidence. Mulvihill is hopeful that the conduct of police supervisors will also be addressed and outlined. He said that they will have the authority to "investigate all of the facts and circumstances" in the Caesar shooting. In a statement dated June 12 from Central Ward Councilman George Branch, he called for the facts before making any judgments. "I am concerned about the probability of a cover-up among police officers involved in the incident, but confident that under the supervision of the Grand Jury (continued on page 6)

Citizens want Macy's to remain a part of their lives

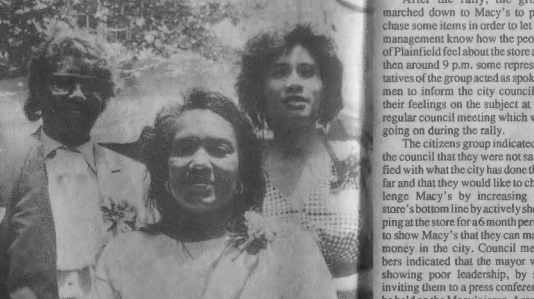
by Denise M. Germalin

PLAINFIELD — About 50 demonstrators, from Plainfield and surrounding communities decided to take the matter of Macy's leaving Plainfield into their own hands, by conducting a "Keep Macy's in Plainfield" rally Monday evening in front of the Municipal Court Building on Watching Avenue. The organized group of supporters marched, carried signs and shouted "Macy's you're a part of our lives," and "Miracle on Front

Street, Macy's stay!" the length of the courthouse block. Onlookers chimed in and passing motorists blew their horns in support. The group consisted of employees, city residents and some people from such towns as Warren, North Plainfield and Scotch Plains who all came to shop at the Plainfield store. When asked what Plainfield would be like, if Macy's does leave, Alice Thomas, a marcher, city resident and long time employee at Macy's stated that, "if the store leaves there won't be much left in the city." Barbara James one of the rally organizers, said that if Macy's does leave, she doesn't want to see a boarded up building on Front Street. Plainfield doesn't need that. She also said she hopes the city government has some ideas for the future if the unfortunate happens. "This is a community with an urban enterprise zone, if this is a sign of what happens, then cities across the country better watch out."

Mayor Harold Mitchell, who was present during the rally, said that he was glad that there was a good turnout and indicated that the people of Plainfield will not take this decision laying down. He said the city has met with some Macy's officials and their position hasn't changed, but he also indicated that neither had he. He said he would like to be in court on the day Macy's finalizes its plans; to present them with a petition of 6,000 signatures indicating how the city wants the store to stay.

Neighborhood fellows graduate



and promising achievement. The Community Foundation of New Jersey, working in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, developed the Neighborhood Leadership Initiative to help empower citizens to

initiate positive change at the local level, in the places in which they live or work. The graduates are Mary Woodall, Fern McRae, Steine Williams, Nellie Hart, and Collie Elie. Four of the five are pictured above.

After the rally, the group marched down to Macy's to purchase some items in order to let the management know how the people of Plainfield feel about the store and around 9 p.m. some representatives of the group acted as spokesmen to inform the city council of their feelings on the subject at the regular council meeting which was going on during the rally. The citizens group indicated to the council that they were not satisfied with what the city has done thus far and that they would like to challenge Macy's by increasing the store's bottom line by actively shopping at the store for a 6 month period to show Macy's that they can make money in the city. Council members indicated that the mayor was showing poor leadership, by not inviting them to a press conference he held on the Macy's issue. Assemblyman Jerry Green also seemed dissatisfied with the progress up to now, he suggested that a task force be assembled to deal with the issue. As of press time there was no indication of when the task force would be established.

Clinton clashes with black press, Jesse Jackson

by Larry A. Still

WASHINGTON, DC (CNS) — Democratic party presidential candidate Bill Clinton said he still hopes to meet with Black Press officials of the National Newspaper Publishers Association to explain his failure to keep a scheduled luncheon speaking engagement at the NNPA's 52nd annual convention in Baltimore last June 11th. "I've invited the (NNPA) board to meet with me. I hope we can do it," the Arkansas governor told the Capital News Service after making a rescheduled appearance at the National Rainbow Coalition's "Rebuild America" National Leadership Summit in Washington, DC, June 13th. But, standing next to Rev. Jesse Jackson, NRC founder and president, Clinton surprised most of the conference guests by criticizing the appearance of rap

artist Sister Souljah at the Rainbow convention the night before. "Her [reported] comments before and after Los Angeles were filled with a kind of hatred that you do not honor today and tonight...I quote 'If black people kill black people every day, why not have a week and kill white people?' ...She sounds like David Duke..." the candidate told the flabbergasted audience. Jackson later told reporters that Clinton's "comments were unfair" because Sister Souljah's words were taken out of context. She was referring to media coverage giving less emphasis to blacks killing blacks versus black people killing white victims, Jackson aides explained. The governor's reaction was cited as an example of this distinction. In presenting Clinton to a smaller, select audience of 500 guests from among the 3,000 (continued on page 10)

UMDNJ dedicates \$55 million Doctors Office Center

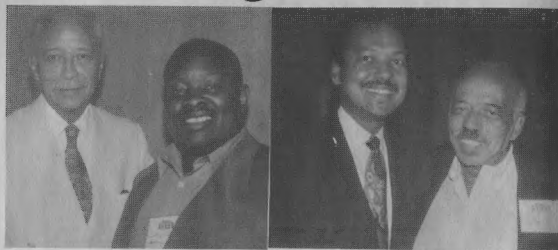
NEWARK — UMDNJ officially dedicated its new \$55 million UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School Doctors Office Center (DOC) on June 10 at a ceremony on the Newark campus. The event was highlighted by a governor's "Dedication Day" proclamation and the symbolic planting of three maple trees representing the three-fold mission of UMDNJ — education, research and healthcare. Gov. Florio was represented by M. Robert DeCotis, chief counsel to the governor, who read the proclamation. The ceremonial tree planting was commemorated with a brass plaque inscribed: "Three trees symbolize the University's mission, Education, Research and Healthcare, and are dedicated today to the commitment to excellence as we practice what we teach at the Doctors Office Center."

The three-fold mission of UMDNJ is in dozens of medical specialties. The faculty practice of the UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School is scheduled to move into the DOC later this year. A full-service ambulatory care facility, the DOC comprises a number of nationally recognized specialty programs, including: The Ophthalmology Center, associated with the Eye Institute of New Jersey; the Center for Fertility and Reproductive Medicine; the Allergy/Immunology Center; the Pain Management Center; the Centers for Human Genetics and Prenatal Diagnosis; the Liver Center; the Multiple Sclerosis Comprehensive Care Program. The DOC also features a state-of-the-art same-day surgery suite, a comprehensive Imaging Center and a fully equipped Center for Rehabilitation Services. UMDNJ President Dr. Stanley S. Bergerin Jr. said that the facility is another step in a continuum for UMDNJ, New Jersey's university of the health sciences.

MORRISTOWN — Five Trenton residents and Community Foundation Fellows of the Neighborhood Leadership Initiative graduated on Saturday, June 13th at the Community Foundation of New Jersey during a reception honoring their unique

CITY PEOPLE

Rainbow Coalition Washington Conference



WASHINGTON, DC — Several New Jersey residents and notables attended the recent Rainbow Coalition Conference which generated the Sister Souljah/Bill Clinton controversy. Pictured are: (l-r) New York City Mayor David Dinkins; Leroy Robinson, NJ Highway Authority civil engineer; East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper; and Julian Robinson, NJ Highway Authority Commissioner.

25 Years after: Voices from Newark

NEWARK — In 1967, rioting tore through the heart of Newark, New Jersey's largest city. Now, 25 years later, Newark is still trying to recover. Veteran NJN reporter Sandra King explores how the city has changed — for better or worse — in 25 Years After: Voices from Newark, a new special premiering Thursday, June 25 at 8:30 p.m.

In the first hour King reprises her award-winning documentary, Newark: The Slow Road Back. This show features interviews with Newark residents from various walks of life. King spent an entire shift with two white police officers who patrol Newark's Central Ward, where most of the rioting occurred. She also spoke with a welfare grandmother who lived in a high-rise housing project which was about to be torn down.

Crystal Spellman, a young woman who was seven years old at the time of the riots, shares her own tragic story in this moving program. King says, "She and her 10 brothers and sisters lived in a high-rise housing project in the riot district. Her mother went to the window of their tenth floor apartment to look out

side and a state trooper on the ground mistook her for a sniper. She was shot and killed. At age seven, Spellman watched her mother die."

The documentary is followed by a live, thought-provoking discussion with a panel of Newark leaders from all sectors of the community. The featured guests will include Mayor Sharp James, Monsignor William Linder, founder of the New Community Corporation which has built more than 2,000 units of housing in Newark; Ramon Rivera, executive director of La Casa de Don Pedro; Steve Adabato, Sr., founder of the North Ward Center; Dr. Zachary Yamba, president of Essex County College; Edna Thomas, director of Soul House Drug Rehab; and Janius Williams, a prominent Newark attorney.

The last half-hour of this two and a half-hour special will feature a live call-in segment where viewers can speak with the panelists and express their opinions. In light of the Rodney King verdict and its aftermath, this will give people a chance to continue the dialogue over the problems facing our inner cities.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
PASSIPPANY CBS TV sports commentator Pat Summitt will be the guest of honor at the 15th Annual Celebrity Sports Roast, to benefit The Valerie Fund. The glamorous packed event is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 at the Aspen Manor & Inn in Parsippany. For more information call 201-657-1418.
NEW BRUNSWICK Any Tar's The Joy Luck Club will be discussed by the Morristy Literature Club of New Brunswick at 7 p.m. at the New Brunswick Free Public Library. For more information call 732-251-1994.
SATURDAY, JUNE 27
TRENTON Area veterans are invited to attend a Veterans Fair and Forum co-sponsored by the NJ Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, at the NJ Veterans Memorial Home, Evergreen Rd., Maple Park Mall and adjacent to Roosevelt Hospital. For more information call 609-535-6942.
MAHWAH Ramapo College of New Jersey's Third Season of Shakespeare will be the Garden begins with a bang on Saturday June 27, 6:00 p.m., with a surprising presentation of OTHELLO. This modernized version sets the characters within an inner city street gang. The series is under the direction of Mary Ellen Allison, professor in the School of Contemporary Arts. For more information call 201-526-7568.
NEW PROVIDENCE SHARING will be having its Annual Book Sale on June 27 and 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1422 Springfield Avenue in New Providence. NJ SHARING is a volunteer, non-profit organization for the handicapped. For more information call 201-468-7790.
MONDAY, JUNE 29
WESTFIELD The Westfield Workshop for the Arts has openings for its summer enrichment program designed for pre-school children with special needs. Classes will run from June 29 through July 31 and be held at Redeemer Lutheran School, 228 Copperwheat Place, Westfield. Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call 908-322-5665.
TUESDAY, JUNE 30
CRANFORD The annual Union County Senior Citizens Art Contest and Exhibit opens at the Torrance Gallery, Union County College, Springfield Avenue, Cranford. The public is invited to meet artists and judges at the opening reception from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 908-556-2550.
WESTFIELD Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is offering a free class on understanding how new individual shopping choices impact our solid waste situation and the environment on Tuesday, June 30/1992 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and repeated 7:30-9:00 p.m. For more information call 908-654-9854.

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SUNDAYS, JULY 5
TRENTON "Luminations," collages based on the poem "Alphoid," that "Grassy Flower" by William Carlos Williams, will be on view in the Francis Gallery of the New Jersey State Museum from July 5 through August 23, 1992. For more information call 609-292-6464.
MONDAY, JULY 6
CRANFORD What problems can occur when a physically disabled person is also a substance abuser? How are juveniles in the criminal justice system treated for substance abuse? These are just two of the issues to be explored in the twenty-two seminars being offered the week of July 6-July 10 at the sixth annual Summer Institute for Alcohol and Drug Studies. For more information call 908-233-8810.
THURSDAY, JULY 9
PLAINFIELD Free prostate cancer screening, sponsored by Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center and medical staff urologists, will be held July 9 - 11 at the medical center. Appointments are required and registration can be made by calling 908-668-3170.
FRIDAY, JULY 17
READINGTON The New Jersey Festival of Ballooning will be held at Solberg Airport through to June 19. The event features a balloon race, picnics, an auto show, ethnic foods and more. For more information call 908-236-4753.

SUNDAY, JULY 19
CLARK The Clark State Prison Summer festival will take place at the Clark Ramoth Hotel, open to all girls ages 3 to 30. For more information call 201-927-8562.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
EAST RUTHERFORD The Hambleton, the premier championship harness race, will be held at the Meadowlands Racetrack amidst pony rides, carnival games, live entertainment, and more. For more information call 201-935-8500.

Anheuser-Busch supports the Links



PASSIPPANY — Cynthia J. Moore (second right), corporate affairs northeast region manager for Anheuser-Busch Companies, is welcomed by members of the Morris County Chapter of the Links to the organization's annual scholarship banquet, held recently at the Hilton

Hotel in Parsippany, New Jersey. Anheuser-Busch was a corporate sponsor of the fund-raising gala. Link members shown with Moore (from left) are: Sondra Clark, ticket chairperson; Owen Newberry-Smith, event chairperson; Chapter President Joyce Watson, and jour-

nal chairperson Theresse R. Hensley. The Links is a national organization with local chapters that address various community issues, including education, youth development and the cultural arts.

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City News

Open House coming in July!

NEWARK — Have you always dreamed of seeing your name in print, or having your photographs grace the front page of a major publication, or are you the one who knows about everything going on in your community? You may have what it takes to break into the challenging field of journalism.

On July 12, The City News Publishing Company will be hosting an Open House for the creative, energetic, detailed people who can contribute to the progressive publications under the City News umbrella.

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EDITORIAL

Souljah breaks it down

Last Sunday, political activist Sister Souljah took part in an interview with Cade Pressman, one-to-one regarding her quote which set off a belated response by Democratic Presidential Candidate Bill Clinton, having him call her racist and no better than David Duke. Sister Souljah answered Pressman's questions point blank, did not skirt any issues, and did not back down when challenged by the veteran reporter. Pressman continually questioned her rage and the motivation behind it. He asked her if an incident in her life caused her to be so bitter towards the majority race. She answered by outlining several of the realities that face inner-city African-Americans. Poverty, lack of a father figure, welfare, life in the projects, and the list can and does go on. Our question is, why does the majority get all bent out of shape when minorities get angry and express their anger?

Why does the majority refuse to see that yes, African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Haitian-Americans, and others of color do have something to be angry about—it's a lack of justice, and it's refreshing to see young people like Sister Souljah step up and state the truth for what it is. Mr. Pressman continually accused her of hating whites. She did not say that she hated whites, she said that she hated injustice. That is the big difference that the members of the majority race often act like they cannot conceive of.

Sister Souljah and many other African-American leaders are not about setting armies out to kill members of the majority. They are about enlightenment, raising the consciousness of their brethren and all people involved. Anger comes from being stepped on and oppressed for so long in addition to a system that was and is set up to keep people of color down. All Sister Souljah and many activists are doing is pointing out what the problems are and what the reality is. It really is that simple.

Bush's policy on Haitians is indefensible, cruel racism.

by Dr. William F. Gibson

As we watch the unfolding tragedy of thousands of Haitians who are desperately fleeing oppression, one shameful fact has become crystal clear: the Bush Administration has chosen a course of moral bankruptcy, fueled by a consistent supply of brutality and intentional racism. The President maintains that the vast majority of Haitian refugees are trying to escape poverty. He asserts that very few have any well-founded fear of persecution or physical harm. In fact, the opposite is true. Many Haitians who have endured abject poverty for generations would never consider the dangerous ocean voyage. But they now choose to risk death in a small boat instead of facing the brutality of an army death squad.

Since the legitimate government of Father Jean Bertrand Aristide was overthrown on September 30, the army has turned terrorizing civilians into a recreational activity. Every morning, bullet-riddled bodies are found on the streets of Port-au-Prince. Mr. Bush's executive order, which repatriates all Haitian refugees without even attempting to interview them, has the same effect as sentencing many of them to tor-

ture and even death. How could the leader of the free world be so grossly insensitive?

Recently, an unidentified Haitian man who was part of a group being returned to Haiti on a U.S. Coast Guard cutter jumped overboard. When rescuers reached him, he tried to fight them off while screaming, "I prefer to die." Clearly, this man knew what kind of reception the army and police would give him when he returned to Haiti. As the violence continues, the body counts rise and the waves of refugees will grow.

The President's callous indifference to the plight of the Haitians stands in stark contrast to his feelings for other refugees who have gained sanctuary here.

In the past few years, thousands of refugees from the former Soviet Union, Cuba, Vietnam, China and many other lands have been admitted to the U.S. and granted almost instant political asylum. And most recently, in the Persian Gulf, the President formed an international coalition of over half a million troops. He ordered U.S. intelligence to help smuggle out refugees, and shed American blood to liberate Kuwait. All this was done, despite the fact the Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah of Kuwait, runs a repres-

by Connie Woodruff

Come July 1, Newark Central Ward councilman George Branch will retire as Supervisor for the Newark Housing Authority's Awareness Unit.

Branch has been employed by the Authority since 1962 and will be among an estimated 25 persons who have reached age 60 with 20 or more years of service taking advantage of a buy-out package that will give them an additional five years of employment and all their accrued benefits.

Not to worry Branch asserts the curious, he will not be resigning his council seat, won't be lonesome for his job and intends to be busy working with kids in Newark.

Youngsters particularly interested in boxing will find a willing teacher promoter when Branch opens a state of the art gymnasium on Mulberry Street.

His fellow council member, Donald Bradley of the South Ward will also make news on July 1 when he takes the oath as president of the

Newark City Council.

Unlike his predecessors, Bradley's "coronation" will not take place at city hall of Symphony Hall in downtown Newark, but at a school in the South Ward where Bradley has lived and worked all of his life.

If Newark Councilman-at-large Donald Bradley isn't the happiest elected official around these days, it's understandable, Tucker was recently replaced as chairman of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, a nice "perk" anyone would enjoy and come July 1, his council presidency will be taken over by Donald Bradley.

Will the real chairman of the Central Ward Democratic Committee please stand up?

The tug o' war between Saidi Nguvu and Jim Wallace for the chairmanship will continue until they meet in court, June 26 under a Show Cause Order obtained by Nguvu.

Both men have strong Central Ward identities. Nguvu, a resident in the ward since 1969, was closely aligned with men like former Cen-

tral Ward councilman Dennis Westbrook the late Harold Wilson and recently Councilman George Branch.

Wallace and his wife, Carolyn, headquartered their International Youth Organization, an advocacy group for youths and adults, many years ago and are also identified with Central Ward and citywide politicians.

On occasion they have been allies in the struggle to improve the quality of life for their friends and neighbors. But the end of a working relationship has come to an abrupt halt since both want the Democratic leadership.

Mayor Sharpe James and Newark Police Director William Celester are candidates for "Profiles in Courage Awards."

It was their quick intervention and promise of a thorough investigation that helped keep the lid on things after the shooting of a teenager allegedly involved in doing "doughnuts" in a stolen car.

Howard Caesar, still listed in critical condition following the early morning shooting two weeks ago was felled by a hail of bullets fired by one or more of six cops at the scene and the mayor and police director promised the Caesar's family they will find out who fired the shot.

When Attorney General Del Tufo suggests it may be time for Mayor James to cease talking publicly about the incident, it is apparent he doesn't understand that it's almost impossible to keep James from talking about something he believes it's his responsibility to resolve; and because the mayor has been vocal from the beginning that anger and frustration has not spilled over into violence.

Coming on the heels of the Rodney King case in Los Angeles, Mayor James was wise not to hesitate in ordering an immediate investigation. He has won the sup-

port that exists in the city has kept under wraps.

This is a situation where silence is not golden.

And now a look at more pleasant things.

More than 50 "genos" who cook with a gourmet flair showed off their culinary art for Omicron Xi Omega Alpha Kappa Alpha Soror on a rainy Sunday afternoon a few weeks ago.

Crossroads Ford loaned their East Orange showroom for the affair that drew a record crowd for the annual scholarship fund-raiser where the cooks were so gourmet they refused to share the recipes for the exotic tasty entrees, salads and dessert they had prepared with pride and pleasure.

Among those who tempted us with generous samples of the goodies were the following:

Celebrity chefs: East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper, Newark Councilman-at-Large Ralph T. Grant, Dennis Turner, Albertus Jenkins and Newark Rutgers Asst. Provost, James Ramsey.

Also Derek J. Adams, James Belton, Judge Claude Coleman, Chip Dickerson, Daryl G. and Richard K. Dodson, Larry and Mashod Evans, Tony Foster, Raymond Foushee, Richard J. and Richard W. Gaines, Tony Godwin, Larry Branch, John Hawkes, Yuckel Young, Bryan S. Kay, Steven McGray, Winthrop McGriff, Robert, Douglas, Harold and Raymond Moore.

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Quote of the Week
"I am convinced we are no longer dealing with civil human beings, but animals."

Nelson Mandela
after suspending talks with South African government due to a weekend massacre where black South Africans were killed by police

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Letter to the Editor...

Where's Perot's political experience?

Dear Editor:

I have been following with interest the current presidential campaign. I have also been reflecting upon the previous two campaigns and I have noticed one major difference. In the campaigns of 1984 and 1988, the maverick candidate, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, was an African American, whereas, in the current campaign Mr. Ross Perot is Caucasian. Neither individual is totally accepted by the two mainstream political parties. However, the public responses to the challenges of the two prospective candidates are strikingly different.

The main cry that was heard during the 1984 and 1988 campaigns was that Reverend Jackson did not have any political experience and that he did not hold any elective

office. What made him believe he would be qualified for such an auspicious office?

In 1992, we hear of a businessman who appears to be both disappointed and fed up with what the two mainstream political parties are proposing. Because he has no money to support his own campaign, he decided to run for the presidency as an alternative candidate. The major point that I find interesting is that, people aren't crying out that he doesn't have any political experience or that he has never held any elective office; they just simply cry "Run Perry Run".

Am I to assume that all we need to run this country is a big bank account? Or the right color? Signed,
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NatWest Honors Central HS student

NEWARK — Yusef Goines, a senior at Central High School, has been recognized as an "Outstanding Young Achiever" by National Westminster Bank. In the photo, Yusef accepts a plaque and \$1,000

senior who has demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership skills, extracurricular activities and community service. He is one of 60 high school seniors in New Jersey to be honored by NatWest in 1992.



United States Savings Bond from Cheryl Davis, assistant manager of NatWest's Springfield Avenue office, at a recent school ceremony. Yusef was nominated for the "Outstanding Young Achiever Award" by Central HS' administrators and faculty, who were asked to select a

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Newark girl graduates from Pingry School



BERNARDSTOWN-SHIP — The following local students were graduated from The Pingry School in Bernards Township on Sunday, June 7, 1992. The graduates and prizewinners are: Jennifer Yetunda Alaga of Newark. She will attend Howard University.

Sports camps at Glassboro State

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For more information call: 609-589-4555

COUNCILMAN BRANCH HONORS ESSAY WINNERS

NEWARK — Central Ward Councilman George Branch will give Newark students a chance to learn about municipal government at first hand when they sit in for the Municipal Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday evening, June 17th.

The students are winners of an essay contest; the subject: "If I Were a Mayor or Councilperson". Councilman Branch, who for the past five years has sponsored the city-wide contest, has invited the students, their parents and teachers to a 4:00 pm reception that he is hosting in honor of the students in the Council Chambers where they will be briefed on procedure before the students temporarily take over the reins of municipal government.

Mayor Sharpe James and the Council are expected to participate in the event.

Duane Morris, of West Side High was the author of the essay that earned him the Mayor's position in the student city government. The following students will serve as members of the Municipal Council: LaVonne Feliciano, Mount Vernon School; Jafar Martin, Maple Avenue School; Melissa Batista and Jessica Guglich, Anne St. School; Rashawn Howard, Bergen St. School. Also, Tameka McKinney, West Side High School; Lamarr Wilson, First Avenue School; Christian Sevilla, Ridge St. School; and Birdia Chambers, Chancellor Ave. School.

Prudential honors local teacher, class

NEWARK Teacher Edith S. Battle of Hawthorne Avenue School in Newark, is presented with a \$1,000 educational grant for the school by Harold Banks, a representative of the Prudential Property and Casualty Insurance Company. Ms. Battle and her fifth grade students composed an original song that was one of 14 runner-up entries in a statewide contest to write songs about auto safety. More than 10,000 New Jersey teachers and students participated in the competition, which was the kickoff of Sing Out for Safety, Prudential's non-profit child auto safety education program. Ms. Battle

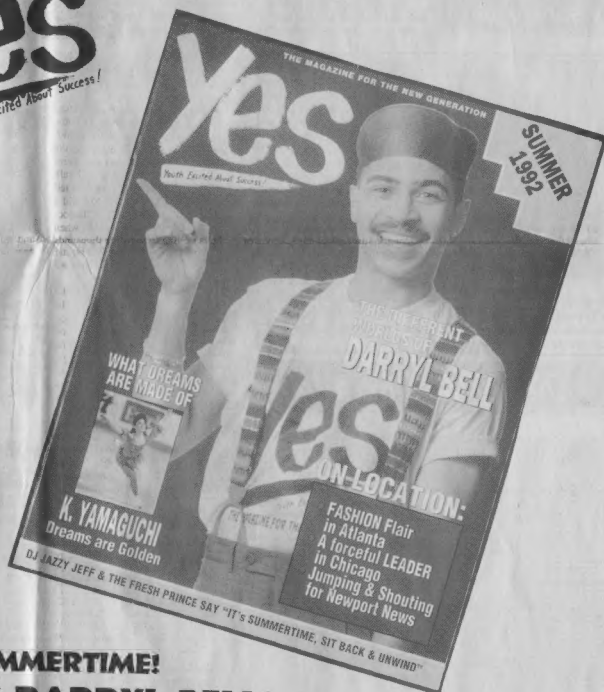


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Religious Calendar

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WASHINGTON—The Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will hold the Pro Life Day from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 908-669-1700.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

PLAINFIELD—The Church of the Living God Men's Department will hold the Second Annual "100 Men in Black" Pro-Life Day Service. For more information call 908-733-4225.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

PLAINFIELD—Families Trust in God, Inc. will hold their Family Cookout at a location to be announced. For more information call 908-669-0100.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

PLAINFIELD—Families Trust in God, Inc. will hold their Family Cookout at a location to be announced. For more information call 908-669-0100.

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Honoring Rev. Benjamin Franklin Johnson

by Connie Woodruff

NEWARK—When he died last Sunday, Rev. Benjamin Franklin (B.F.) Johnson had been pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church on Prince Street, 48 years.

A native of Evinston, Va., the 95-year-old pastor had pastored in then rural Goldsboro, N.C. before accepting Metropolitan's call in 1944.

He found a Newark that was segregated and where Blacks were struggling for economic, social and political change. The challenge to bring about change was an ideal climate for a young man with fixed ideas about urban ministry and one who still felt the pain of the lash in defiance of the slave owner's death threats.

In his first decade in Newark Rev. B.F. Johnson not only proved to be a leader of his flock, but a leader among his peers. He was a commanding figure as a dashing young preacher and fiery orator devoted to his immediate family, church family and the community in which they lived and worked.

It was ordained he would become a clergy leader who preached and practiced academic pursuit and political involvement as the duty of the future for blacks in his adopted city.

Rev. Johnson was a forerunner of the politics of inclusion. He courted both Republicans and Democrats and was widely sought after in both parties.

He welcomed local, county, state and national political figures to his church and his home. If he

didn't call them they called him and in the ensuing years, a Sunday morning visit to Metropolitan Baptist was included on the itinerary of every aspiring politician.

As Metropolitan developed into a giant among Baptist churches so did her pastor grow into significance as a clergy leader. Prior to becoming president of the New England Baptist Convention, he served as chairman of the Home Mission Board, he was an influential member of the North Jersey District Association of Baptist Churches and a founding father of the Committee of Black Churches (now Newark-North Jersey Committee of Black Churches).

He was in great demand as an evangelist and often spent his summers bringing the gospel to the highways along the highways and byways of the United States.

Though he was confined to a wheelchair in the last few years, Rev. Johnson would rise to the occasion when it was necessary for his voice to be heard. And it was amazing that almost to the end, his voice was strong and steady and his message as compelling as it had always been.

It was inevitable he would befriend Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his philosophy of non-violence. A close friend of the civil rights leader's father, Martin, Sr., Rev. Johnson was involved in the formative years of the SCLC and in 1968, helped to arrange one of the young King's rare Newark appearances.

Rev. Johnson turned down numerous requests to run for public office. He always felt that he more effective and creditable behind the

scene," he once told this reporter. And effective he was according to Mayor Sharpe James who called him a "tower of strength" and Rev. Bernard Wilks, associate minister of Metropolitan for more than 20 years, who has written a play about his mentor's life and is completing his biography.

Throughout his life he mentored more than 50 black ministers, including one of his two surviving sons, the Rev. Robert Johnson, pastor of First Hopewell Baptist Church on Orange Street.

In addition to Rev. Robert, he survived by his wife, Charlie B. (C.B.) Johnson, son, Charles of Springfield; a daughter, Nellie Boone of Springfield; a sister, Jessie (Jimmie) of Detroit; 18 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Various church and community special services commenced Thursday evening and concluded with funeral services Saturday morning from the old church building.

On Friday, Rev. Johnson lay in state in the new church building on Springfield Ave. as a special tribute to his "dream." At 95, it was more than a "dream" for Rev. Johnson to undertake the leadership necessary to build a new church designed to last 1,200 and including Sunday school and Christian education classrooms for more than 300 children and adults, a gymnasium, a 500-seat banquet hall, a small chapel and other appointments. It was a miracle of physical and mental endurance and speaks volumes for the man and his ministry — his faith in God and his love for his loyal parishioners.

Lions seek blood donors

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Lions club is seeking unusually generous and benevolent blood donors to help reduce the negative balance in the account of a now deceased area resident. The deceased patient had been a patient at JFK Regional Medical Center in Edison. The Lions Club and the family have been advised by the administrators of the JFK Blood Bank that only whole blood donations made on-site at the hospital will be applied towards the reduction of the account balance, which is at minus 113 pints. Attempts to make arrangements through the assistance of North Jersey Blood Services and the Red Cross through donations at a variety

of area hospitals with appropriate credits issued to JFK have been unsuccessful. JFK insists that donations be made at their facility and has rejected multiple attempts to make suitable, substitute donations at other locations, including blood mobiles in local communities. Persons interested in helping out in this dilemma are asked to call Bert Barlett, a Past President of the Plainfield Lions, at 908-561-2969. He is coordinating this effort and will try to make appointments at a hospital convenient to the donors and will also try to arrange for transportation to and from JFK for as many persons as respond.

VIEW FROM HHS

by Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.



Just recently we launched an exciting, two-pronged Urban Youth Public Education Campaign to prevent young black children from turning to drugs and to help others understand that these young people already have better records than their peers in other ethnic groups concerning the use of alcohol and other drugs.

For months, the Department of Health and Human Service's Office of Substance Abuse had worked with community groups in 14 urban areas to develop this "By Our Own Hands" campaign. In essence, it, "We Have Better Things To Do Than Drugs."

As things worked out it was a few days after my return from Los Angeles where I joined President Bush in reviewing the damage done by the disturbance there that I unveiled our new anti-drug effort at Fletcher Johnson Education Center in Washington, D.C., one of the 14 participating cities.

The other cities are Atlanta, New York, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Memphis, Houston, Philadelphia, Raleigh, Durham, and Detroit.

Through public service news-paper, television and radio ads in combination with educational materials such as billboards, bus cards, posters and brochures, we want to help the youth beat the odds that so often appear to be stacked against them.

One problem black youth face is the misconception among many people that they use drugs more than do youngsters of other races. This is not true. It is important for young black Americans to know how well they stack up against others of their age group even in face of dangerous environments that place them more at risk of destructive

behavior—because they can and must do even better.

The National High School Senior Survey for 1985 to 1989 showed that 88.3 percent of white males had used alcohol in the past year, against 72.5 percent of black males. Twelve percent of white male seniors had used cocaine, compared with 6.1 percent of black male seniors. Forty percent of white male seniors had used marijuana, compared with 29.8 percent of black male seniors.

Data from the Parents Resource Institute on Drug Education Inc. (PRIDE) of Atlanta show that 35.1 percent of white male junior high school students had drunk beer, while 30.6 percent of black male students had. For marijuana, the figures were 5.4 percent for white junior high school males and 3.4 percent for black males.

NIHSS and PRIDE surveys show similar differences for white and black girls, although in all cases the proportion of girls using alcohol or other drugs was less than for males.

Inner cities often are hardest hit by the violence and instability that accompany drug-related activities. As we work to prevent drug use and build the esteem of the affected young people, everyone must understand that they are a needed reservoir of untapped and unlimited energy and talent. It is important that parents, teachers, ministers, employers, justice system officials and others "Don't Believe the Hype" about these youngsters, and join in the partnership to help them overcome pressures and frustrations in order to realize their life dreams.

Any interested local area can request the available educational materials from OSAP's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information from 800-729-6686.

East Orange VA offers women's health services

EAST ORANGE—Women veterans and women eligible for VA services under CHAMPVA can now enroll in a new health program designed especially for women. Services are provided by women physicians and other health practitioners at the East Orange VA Medical Center and include general medical care, routine checkups and health screening, gynecology, mammography, counseling and mental health services, patient edu-

cation, and referral to specialty care.

Questionable bullet leads to special probe

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of Police Director William Celestier, with the support of Mayor Sharpe James, a full investigation of the incident will take place, and that in the event police officers are found to have committed misconduct that involved the shooting of 17-year-old Howard Caesar, they will be punished to the full extent of the law," he said.

"The Police Department of the City of Newark is charged with the

protection of its citizens, which includes the protection of their civil rights," Mayor Celestier said. "They are not trained to be vigilantes, nor are they supposed to act as dispensers of justice. If Howard Caesar and the youngster with him are found guilty of car theft, they should be punished as the laws state. Meanwhile, we must wait for the authorities to assess all of the information; some of it coming in almost daily, before we reach any conclusions."

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NEW YORK CITY—"The Innocents' Crusade" will run through to July 5 at Manhattan Theatre Club's Stage II at City Center, 131 West 59th Street. For more information call 212-361-7007.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

HAMPTON—The Hampton 19th Playhouse's summer music series of "Seems Like Old Times" will run through September 30. For more information call 908-730-8007.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

BRANCHBURG—Performers including the Duke Ellington Orchestra, the Red Clay Ramblers, Baile and the Boys, "Assos' Fabian" and more will perform throughout the summer as part of the Performing Arts series at Platteau Valley Community College. For more information call 908-219-1800.

NEWARK—The Fashion Police Modeling Agency will present "War Against Fashion Ignorance" from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Newark Symphony Hall. Guest speaker will be Dr. Leonard Jeffries and Haven Chappelle will be the featured performer. Proceeds benefit the United Negro College Fund. For more information call 201-421-5613.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

WAYNE—The Summer Jazz Ensemble of William Paterson College will perform a free outdoor concert and another on Wednesday, August 5. For more information call 201-595-2215.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

BLOOMFIELD—Legendary cabaret singer Bobby Short will perform at Bloomfield College where he will headline "Short & Upstairs," the college's 50th anniversary celebration. Short will be joined by the annual Glee Club. Short will be joined by the annual Glee Club. Short will be joined by the annual Glee Club. For more information call 201-748-9000.

Batman Returns — Can the Dark Knight handle the hype?



Sutton (Michael Keaton, l.) squawks off against the Penguin (Danny DeVito) in *Batman Returns*.

In the first "Batman," director Tim Burton was wise enough to have the Caped Crusader and the Joker duke it out just once, and only in the very last scene. It's as if he knew their climactic fight would be a major letdown, and it was.

This problem isn't unique to "Batman." Whenever actors playing superheroes engage in fistfights, things start to look clumsy pretty fast. Even in "Superman 2," one of the best superhero movies ever, the

villains seem to float around rather than soar through the skies like the Man of Steel does when crushing blows.

Generally, superhero battles look as phony as a four-dollar bill. They bring a movie to a dead halt.

They certainly do that in Burton's long-awaited "Batman Returns." In this long-awaited \$53 million sequel, the Caped Crusader (Michael Keaton) has several unexciting fights with Catwoman

(Michelle Pfeiffer) and Penguin (Danny DeVito). But Burton isn't much of an action filmmaker doesn't help. His direction is clunky, cluttered and confusing. He should have again held out for a single fight scene.

The original "Batman" was a reasonably entertaining adventure that benefited immeasurably from Jack Nicholson's sly performance as the Joker. It also had a story.

This inept follow-up is little more than a hodgepodge of battle scenes with no drama of momentum. It's so skimpy and haphazardly put together that whole sequences could be re-animated or put altogether without hurting what little story there is.

Basically, Catwoman and Penguin are out to frame Batman. They seem to want to take over Gotham City, though you're not quite sure. There's also a bit of foolishness involving a corrupt tycoon named Max Shreck (Christopher Walken), a specialist in industrial waste who helps Penguin run for mayor.

Burton tries to give the story some bite by comparing Penguin to Hitler. There's a reference to the infamous Reichstag fire, and Penguin's clown-faced cronies are stormtroopers with umbrellas who bash store windows Crystalnacht-style.

Burton also alludes to one of his favorite movies, "The Ten Commandments." In the opening scene, Penguin is a cuffed-to-a-pole in a stream like baby Moses. Later on, like Ramses, he threatens to kill everyone's firstborn.

Unhappily, Burton doesn't follow through on these parallels. He drops them as quickly as they're introduced. Whenever there is a kill, he blasts Danny Elfman's strident score in as a misguided attempt to generate excitement.

Only Pfeiffer, as Catwoman, appears to be enjoying herself. She looks great in her black leather costume and delivers her wicked one-liners with zest. As Batman, Keaton gives such a lifeless performance you'd think the Caped Crusader were one of the walking dead.

DeVito is practically unrecognizable in his makeup, and Walken, who can be a wonderfully off-kilter performer is wasted. Pee-Wee Herman shows up in a small role as Penguin's dad. The movie could have used more of his gleeful comic energy.

As in the first "Batman," the extravagant sets recall the German Expressionist movies of the 20's and 30's. (Walken's Max Shreck is an in-joke reference to the German actor of the same name who played the vampire in 1922's "Nosferatu.") The movie, though, has a bad habit of making a big production out of incidentals.

Catwoman, for instance, cartwheels through the streets when it would be faster and less exhausting for her to walk. Halfway through the movie, Keaton's Bruce Wayne does his costume to great fanfare even though we've already seen him several times in full garb. Penguin lives in a sewer that's so sparkling-brigid you have to wonder what kind of cleanser he uses.

None of these scenes make sense, but they all look good, which in this movie is all that counts.

"Batman Returns" is a huge expensive bore. It's a movie that begs to be scaled down, a big-screen extravaganza that ironically will probably play better on TV.

At one point, Pfeiffer purrs, "I'm Catwoman. Here me roar." In the theater sits the audience. Hear it yawn.

Branford's the man in The Music Tells You

NEW YORK CITY—The Music Tells You, a new film by Chris Hegedus and DA. Pennebaker

award-winning jazz musician Branford Marsalis, will have its American theatrical premiere at the Little Theater starting Friday, June 26. Showtimes: nightly, except Monday at 8 and 9:40 p.m. An intimate and engaging portrait of a musician on the road, "The Music Tells You" follows Branford Marsalis on tour through the Midwest with his trio featuring bassist Bob Hurst and drummer Jeff "Tain" Watts. Informal conversations with Marsalis and his band are interspersed with live concert footage shot at the auditorium of the University of Indiana. The film also includes cameo appearances by Sting, Bruce Hornsby and Jerry Garcia of The Grateful Dead.

At the age of thirty-one, Branford Marsalis' rise to the pan-

theon of jazz has been just short of meteoric.

In 1982 Branford joined for three years the quintet of his brother Wynton Marsalis. His first solo album, "Scenes from the City," appeared in 1984. In 1985 he was approached by rock musician Sting to participate in the recording of his album "Dream of the Blue Turtles" and the subsequent tour. He collaborated with Sting again on the 1987 album "Nothing Like the Sun" and the 1991 album "Soul Cages." To this date, Marsalis has recorded nine solo albums, in addition to the scores for Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" and "Mo' Better Blues." Marsalis has also performed on screen, most notably in Spike Lee's "School Daze." He's the host of the radio program "Jazzset" and has recently become the music director and arranger of "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

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Gil Scott Heron performs July 4

SAYERVILLE — Gil Scott Heron, "The Minister of Information," will be appearing in concert at the Club Bene Diner, located on Route 35 in Sayerville, on Saturday, July 4 for one night only. On this evening, he will perform one show at 10 p.m. with an optional dinner being served at 8 p.m.

Gil Scott Heron is one of those artists that defy being pigeon holed. First he is a pianist/singer/songwriter. Just a few of his more than 150 songs include "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised," a satirical song-poem roller coaster, "Home is Where the Hatred Is," a harrowing look into drug addiction, "Pieces of a Man," "Save the Children," "Lady Day and John Coltrane," and "I Think I'll Call it Morning," just to name a few.

It has not only been the so-called "controversial ideals" in Scott Heron's repertoire that has seen his

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Behind-the-scenes

by Lisa Collins

CULVER CITY, CA. Whoopie! Electrifying is the response to Whoopi Goldberg in Disney's newest release, "Sister Act." With "Sarafina" due later this year, Goldberg—currently making a movie with Checco Zalone, is on a roll in the entertainment biz. Her talk show "The Whoopi Goldberg Show" has been licensed in 129 markets covering 86 percent of the country, clearing 46 of the top 50 movies. Production begins in August. Bill Nunn, who co-starred in "Sister Act" will also hit the tube this fall as the star of his own TV show, "In The Loop." Nunn plays a convenience store owner who has a chance meeting with an old high school buddy (David Keith), who sets out to rob him, but ends up with a job.

In fact, a lot of big names are part of this fall's TV lineup. Leading the pack is Pat LaBelle, who stars in her own series as the owner of a blues club in NBC's "Up All Night." Vanessa Williams has landed a starring role in an Aaron Spelling series, "Melrose Place,"

set to debut in the time slot following "Beverly Hills 90210." Robin Givens makes her return to network TV as a female lethal weapon type in "Polish Hill." Another familiar face—Tim Reid, will make his TV comeback on the Family Channel. He's set to star in one of three new half-hour series for 1993. The series, "M.L.M." is the story of a blue-collar worker (Reid) who inherits the Scottish title of Lord Somerton. Reid will also star in and produce a historical drama, called "Underground Railroad," about the road to freedom for slaves in the 19th century. Of course, Malcolm Jamal Warner plays a graduate student working in a community center on NBC. (Cosby) castmate Raven Symone also has a TV show in development, but at present it is being slated as a possible midseason replacement).

The Rise of Jodeci: is what many say is the only legit part of Hammer's current tour. By all accounts the group is the most popular segment of the concerns. (Boyz II Men come in second). Perhaps the biggest story is that the tour is not doing well, with many of the venues only half full. At one venue, as little as 4000 tickets were sold in a stadium seating 17,000. As a result, huge cuts have been made in Hammer's extravagant staging. And now, bickering is being reported between the Hammer & Jodeci camps. In Kansas City, an angry Hammer reportedly threw his sunglasses at members of Jodeci, when—in the middle of his act, they

walked out in front of the stage, drawing the attention of the crowd and creating quite a stir.

Seeing The Light: Author J. Randy Taraborrelli now says he'll delete offensive references to Berry Gordy from future editions of "Michael Jackson—The Magic & The Madness." Gordy—citing references to him as a pimp, and that he cheated Motown artists.—filed a \$100 million libel suit against Taraborrelli. (The suit is still in effect). Taraborrelli had threatened to countersue, but is now expressing concern that Berry Gordy Jr. was upset, recalling Gordy as a sometime hero. Turns out Taraborrelli wants to be considered in the writing of Gordy's long-planned autobiography. "I know it would be an ironic conclusion," he stated, "but I think it would be a good one." Gordy is not likely to agree.

Freedom Declares Independence: Freedom Williams, featured performer and co-writer of the C&C Music Factory, has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against producers David Cole and Robert Civilles, charging that they cheated him out of his royalties and failed to perform duties outlined in his recording and management contract. Williams, who led the group to five American Music music awards, MTV awards and multi-platinum success, now intends to pursue a career as solo artist.

By the way: Word has it that Prince's current girlfriend, actress Troy Beyer, will make him a father sometime this fall...

Plainfield Arts Fest set for July 11

PLAINFIELD—The 29th Annual Plainfield Outdoor Festival of Art is slated for July 11 at Library Park (Arlington and West Eighth Street) in the heart of the Van Wyck Brooks Historic District. Barbara Ballard, Art Festival chairwoman, says she expects a record number of artists from the New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania area.

The festival hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the raindate is Sunday,

July 12.

Artists and vendors wishing to participate may call the Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce for applications 908-754-7250.

The committee would also like to hear from individuals or groups involved in the performing arts (magicians, mimes, strolling singers, etc.) who would like to share their talents free with the public at the arts festival.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 25

BASKING RIDGE The Americans with Disabilities Act Seminar will be held at Crum and Foster Corporation from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

SOMERVILLE The Somerset Chamber of Commerce will host their America 2000 Kickoff Dinner with guest speaker Bill Bradley. For more information call 908-725-1552.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

NEWARK The Recession and Economic Forecasts, The Real Estate Market (Commercial, Industrial, Residential), and The Banking Industry will be the topics discussed at 1 p.m. in the Power's Conference Room at the St. Lawrence Center for Law and Justice of Rutgers University. For more information call 201-648-5262.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

FANWOOD The Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce will host a Small Business Roundtable Meeting at the Marston Hotel on South Avenue in Fanwood at 8 a.m. The guest speaker will be Michael Rosenberg of Rosenberg & Associates, and the topic will be "Turning Leads Into Sales." For more information call 908-754-7250.

FANWOOD — Turning Leads Into Sales will be the subject of the Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce Small Business Roundtable meeting at 8 a.m. at the Marston Hotel on South Avenue. For more information call 908-754-7250.

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Florio signs economic recovery fund to create jobs, spur investment

TRENTON—Governor Jim Florio signed into law the Economic Recovery Fund—a cornerstone of his efforts to create jobs today and invest in New Jersey's tomorrow.

"The Economic Recovery Fund is a hammer we can put in New Jersey's toolbox, and use again and again to build hope and create jobs," said Governor Florio. "The people of New Jersey want to work and they can compete with anyone, anywhere in the world, if they have the tools and opportunity."

"The Economic Recovery Fund is about action—action to stem the tide of a national recession. Action to show the people of New Jersey that we can put aside politics-as-usual and invest in the future of our state," said the Governor. "We will fast-track the Economic Recovery Fund. No delays. No red tape. No excuses. People need help and they need it now."

The \$200 million Economic Recovery Fund, proposed by Governor Florio in his State of the State Address last January, will be administered by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. The EDA will issue \$200 million in bonds to fund various projects and programs. The bonds will be backed by payments due to the state from the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey's buy-out of the state's interest in the World Trade Center. The EDA expects to raise the fund's financing by mid-July and will start accepting project proposals immediately.

The \$200 million investment will leverage more than \$800 million in private sector investment, and will create 20,000 construction and 75,000 permanent jobs over the next three years. The fund will invest in:

- Economic Growth Fund for Business which will enable EDA to finance infrastructure and transportation

- Cultural and Tourism Development which will allow the state to join forces with the private sector and non-profit entities in the development of cultural and tourism projects in New Jersey.

- School Renovation and Repair

- Environmental Clean-Up Business Assistance Pilot Program which would assist businesses in obtaining loans for clean up to comply with the Environmental Clean-Up Responsibility Act (ECRA).

- Shore Restoration to finance

projects under the shore protection master plan utilizing \$15 million from the fund.

"The Economic Recovery fund will help New Jersey keep its place as a leading destination for business or pleasure. It's about investing in the future. But, it's also about today—about creating jobs for people so desperately want and need. It's been said before and it's true—the best social program is a

job. Jobs put food on the table, money in the bank, and hope in the heart," Gov. Florio said. "We want to make sure the people of New Jersey never lose faith in the ideal of moving beyond where their parents went and helping their children go further than they did. That's a powerful belief and we can't afford to see it die."

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SBF, 22, attractive, full-figured, shapely, physically fit, 5'6", Christian, light eyes, intelligent, and educated. SBF seeks friendship. Share good times. Non-smoker, single, race unimportant, 5'11" - 6'4", 22-27, honest individual who enjoys late night conversation. Physically fit, sense of humor, (likes spontaneous activities), open minded, ability to talk about any subject, teach me about sports. Send reply, photo and phone number to: CN, 1309 Centennial Avenue, Suite 149, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

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To a woman of color (black or Hispanic) 20-32, black male professional, 28, 5'8" in good shape, looking for that special someone to create some moments that perhaps can become a truly significant relationship. Please send telephone number and photo to TO CNPFR, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

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We're talking baseball — black baseball

NEWARK — Dr. Lawrence Hogan of Fairwood, who teaches history at Union County College, and Thomas C. Guy, Jr., of Newark, an award-winning filmmaker, will see six years of research, interviewing, and production come to fruition on Wednesday, June 24 at their original video documentary on black baseball will be shown at the Newark Museum.

The video will premiere as the opening program of Newark's nationally recognized annual Black Film Festival. The work was produced and directed by Guy, a 1987 recipient of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts "Distinguished Artist of the Year" Award, whose previous credits include major films on Mary Lou Williams and Sarah Vaughan. Dr. Hogan served as the executive producer.

One hour in length, the video documentary is entitled "You Can Say Jackie Robinson." The production is a major component in a project that includes a photo and memorabilia exhibit, the establish-

ment of an archives of black baseball at the Newark Public Library, and the honoring at public programs across the nation of veteran Negro Leaguers.

Included in the documentary is interview footage with former Negro Leaguers, black journalists from the era of segregated baseball, and such present-day notables as Dave Winfield and former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth. Personal interviews with Hall of Famers Monte Irvin and Ray Dandridge also are included, and a major section is devoted to the late John Henry "Pop" Lloyd, star shortstop for Atlantic City's Bacharach Giants of the 1920s. Dr. Clement Price, professor of history at Rutgers, Newark, provides an historical perspective.

Guy notes that "my past works have always tried to go beneath the obvious. Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson is not just a documentary about home runs and earned run averages. It is a metaphor for the larger society which did not allow men of color to compete against white ball players. We get a sense of

the athletic prowess of the men who played this game, but we also learn about the fabric of the times."

"Our documentary puts the baseball story into the communal context of Black America in that time period," says Dr. Hogan. "Baseball, as an institution, a business, and as entertainment was an integral part of the lives of African Americans, and the teams and leagues that are representative of that."

In addition the documentary features extensive historical film footage and the use of photos contemporary to the period. Research and production entailed searching through archives across the nation, securing materials from players and fans, interviewing at Yankee Stadium and at former Black baseball fields in Paterson and Atlantic City, as well as filming in 1987 at the induction of Ray Dandridge into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

The premier showing of the documentary at the Newark Museum is scheduled for June 24 at

7:30 p.m. Open to the public free of charge, tickets will be made available on a first come basis at 6:45 at the museum. The evening will include remarks by Leonard Coleman, Executive Director of Market Development in the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, as well as commentary from veteran Negro Leaguers Gene Benson and Bill Cash of the Philadelphia Stars. Several other veteran Negro Leaguers are expected to be on hand. The evening's program is presented with the support of Cablevision.

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Festival to mark Paterson's 200th Birthday

PATERSON — Daredevil acrobatic motorcyclists, booming speakers, fireworks, and a reenactment of an infamous union strike are just some of the wonderfully wild features of the 1992 Great Falls Bicentennial Festival, which opens at 6 p.m. on July 2.

This four-day festival, centered around the famous 17-foot high Great Falls of the Passaic River, will celebrate Paterson, America's first industrial city, which was founded by Alexander Hamilton on July 4, 1792.

The Great Falls Bicentennial Festival, which runs day and night until 11 p.m. on July 5, promises great food, plenty of entertainment, and rides and games for the entire family.

According to Paterson Mayor William J. Pascrell, Jr., the Great Falls Festival is designed to celebrate all facets of the city, such as its rich history, a diverse ethnic population, and its wealth of creative talent.

"A city that has grown for 200 years has got to be doing many things right," Pascrell said. "We

want to show off the very things that have made Paterson what it is today."

Over the years, Paterson — New Jersey's third largest city with a population of slightly over 141,000 — has seen its share of ups and downs. For year, Paterson was known as the silk manufacturing mecca of the world, hence its nickname, "Silk City."

Since Paterson is a unique tapestry of people from many races, religions, and nations, Pascrell said the Great Falls Festival is designed to showcase that multicultural diversity.

To celebrate that unique mix, Center Stage will feature ethnic performers representing all corners of the world, while the International Food Court will offer many ethnic foods not usually found in one place. There will be Hispanic and Middle Eastern morsels — to name a few — as well as good ole' American favorites like hot dogs and hamburgers.

For more information on the festival call the Paterson Special Events Office at 201-523-9201.

Clinton clash

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ference participants, Jackson outlined NRC proposals for addressing the nation's economic problems and changing the direction of the Democratic Party. He reminded the audience that the potential president is from Hope, AR, and "It's certainly ought to be able to keep Hope alive."

Clinton endorsed the "commonality" of the Rebuild America program "with what I have been saying for 12 years...and I want to recognize Reverend Jackson for not just placing all the blame on government in the past, but assuming some responsibility for change..." The candidate also endorsed Jackson's campaign for increasing voter registration through local motor vehicle license offices. However, he questioned Jackson's "new math" plan for winning the presidential election with 40 percent (instead of 51 percent) of the vote in a 3-way race with Republicans, Democrats and H. Ross Perot.

Although two-time presidential candidate Jackson cautiously intro-

duced Governor Clinton as the next presidential nominee of the Democratic party, it was obvious that the two political leaders did not agree on all positions. The minister and ceremonial "Shadow" Senator in the District of Columbia campaign to become the nation's 51st State, said Clinton should apologize to Sister Souljah, but when asked about the governor's failure to meet with the Black Press, Reverend Jackson replied "It's a non-issue."

Earlier in the week, Robert W. Bogle, publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune and NNPA president, released the following statement in part: "The...[NNPA] is deeply concerned by recent events involving the probably Democratic Presidential candidate Bill Clinton. After confirmation that Governor Clinton would address the annual convention of the NNPA, the national trade organization of Black (owned) newspapers, he reneged on his commitment at the absolute last minute. His reasoning and excuses for ignoring the Black Press of America

are unacceptable and looked upon as an affront, not only to this body, but also to the African-American community which we represent..."

"An invitation was extended to President Bush, H. Ross Perot, Governor Clinton and Lenora Fulani. Each responded quickly and decisively regarding their intentions and availability to come before us. Mr. Clinton's attitude is the only one of the group whose actions and statements are inconsistent with his role as a person of being a candidate willing to embrace the goals and aspirations of African-Americans across this country..."

"We intend to report to our 11 million readers that the Clinton campaign is one to be watched and scrutinized very carefully and his positions regarding the African-American community should be reviewed with a great deal of apprehension. We believe that the honoring of commitments is an essential ingredient of the character of anyone seeking the highest office of this nation."

Sonny Messiah-Jiles, NNPA first vice-president and conference coordinator, also issued a statement saying "Clinton thumbs nose at black press — Bill Clinton, the presidential candidate who begged to appear at the national convention of the (NNPA), backed out at the last minute when he learned that a black woman presidential candidate would appear on the same panel."

"Back in January 1992, Mr. Clinton sent a representative to NNPA's Mid-Winter Workshop in San Diego, California, to request an appearance at the June convention. When Mr. Clinton learned that Lenora Fulani, who he felt embarrassed him in New York, was going to appear at the same time as he, he tried to negotiate a different time..."

In a letter to individual NNPA members, dated on the day he scheduled to appear and signed by the Presidential candidate, Governor Clinton states (in part) "I regret I was unable to attend your annual convention in Baltimore. My staff worked with the Association in an effort to find a time that was mutually acceptable, and we offered several alternatives, including an interactive satellite feed during the Thursday luncheon, a mid-afternoon appearance on Thursday, and early morning appearance on Saturday. Unfortunately, we could not work it out..."

"Again, I'm sorry I could not be with you for your convention. Please accept my sincere apology. I hope we can work together during this campaign season in our mutual quest to change our country. Sincerely, Bill Clinton."

At week's end, representatives of the Clinton for President Committee attempted to meet with NNPA representatives to arrange future discussions as national media speculated that the candidate was seeking to back away from overt appeals to black voters in an effort to keep from alienating conservative whites possibly attracted to President Bush and Perot.

Feds set aside \$10 million for youth at risk programs

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded \$10 million to state Extension Services to establish and continue "Youth At Risk" programs in targeted communities across the nation.

"Extension's National Initiative on Youth, At Risk targets the needs of the next generation of Americans," said Dr. Myron Johnson, administrator of USDA's Extension Service. "One of Extension's goals is to expand its outreach to more youth, particularly to those who are most vulnerable because of poverty, lack of parental and community support and negative peer pressure."

Youth At Risk programs are aimed at prevention and intervention rather than treatment. Funding is targeted to three areas: 1) after-school educational programs in child care settings; 2) collaborations among community organizations to initiate and strengthen programs and services to meet the needs of high risk youth; and 3) programs to enhance reading and science literacy.

This is the second consecutive year Congress has provided funds for Youth At Risk programs. One program to receive a second year of funding is located in the rural community of Greenville, Miss. Sixty elementary school children attend

this after school program designed to enhance their reading skills and level of self-esteem.

"This program has helped lay the groundwork for these boys and girls to stay in school and graduate," said Hiram Palmerette, director of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. "This may be their best and only chance to begin their climb out of poverty."

Leah Cox Hooper, deputy Administrator of Extension 4-H and Youth Development said many new partnerships with the private sector and public agencies are being established as a result of this new funding.



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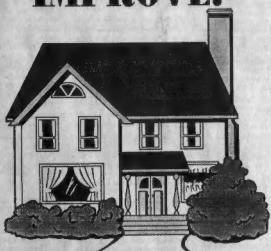
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